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SUBJECT: OP REPORTING

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1. OP'S NEW YORK DATELINED STORY LEAD PARA, AS CARRIED IN LOCAL MEDIA, READS "THE NYT WIDELY REPORTED WEDNESDAY THAT THERE CAN BE 'NO QUESTION OF INSTANT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT' SHOULD HOSTILITIES ERUPT IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE TIMES, IN A DETAILED SPECIAL STORY ON THE U.S. MILITARY FORCES' PREPAREDNESS IN SK..." OP QUOTES MALCOLM SAYING

THAT IN PAST 24 MONTHS U.S. UNITS ALONG DMZ HAVE BEEN REORGANIZED IN VIEW STRATEGY DECISION NOT TO FALL BACK FROM DMZ SHOULD ATTACK OCCUR. OP STORY OMITTED MALCOLM'S DESCRIPTION OF GUARDPOST, ROKG ATTITUDES, AND CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM.

2. THE MEDIA HEADLINED STORY "INSTANT U.S. ROLES CERTAIN IN EVENT OF NK ATTACK (KOREA HERALD)", "U.S. TO DETER NK ATTACK AT ONCE: NYT (KOREA TIMES)", "USFK CHANGES STRATEGY: TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY SHOULD NK LAUNCH INVASION (HANKUK ILBO)", "NK INVASION WILL CAUSE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION; NYT REPORTS USFK CHANGE FROM IMMEDIATE RETREAT (SHINA ILBO)", "U.S. WILL INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY SHOULD WAR OCCUR IN KOREA: NYT (DONGA ILBO)", "U.S. TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY SHOULD WAR RECUR; WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DETER AT DMZ (SEOUL SHINMUN)."

3. OF MAJOR PAPERS, SEOUL SHINMUM ALONG USED "HAPDONG"
OEWASHINGTON DATELINE REPORT OF MALCOLM'S STORY RATHER
THAN OP'S REPORT. "HAPDONG'S" LEAD PARA READS, "WITHOUT
QUESTION, U.S. FORCES WILL INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY SHOULD WAR
OCCUR, THE NYT REPORTED WEDNESDAY. DURING THE PAST 24 MONTHS
U.S. MILITARY STRATEGY ON KOREA HAS CHANGED AND A DEFENSE
POSTURE PREPARED TO DEPLOY USFK TO STOP ANY INVASION AT THE DMZ
RATHER THAN RETREATING...."

4. OUR JULY 23 MEDIA REACTION REPORT REFERENCE TO STORY IS
SUMMARY OF HEADLINE PLAY, NOT TRANSLATION OF OP TEXT.
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